

This anti-Kerry
propaganda piece for
which Sinclair
Broadcasting is
pre-empting
programming just a
few weeks before the
election is a clear
example of the
dangers of media
consolidation.

The ownership of the
huge number of media
outlets by a small
number of unethical
corporations like
Sinclair
Broadcasting is
hurting American
society. They are
suppressing news
(like the names of
the American
soldiers that died
in Iraq) that does
not further their
goals, and they are
starting to make up
news that does
further their goals
(like the false
Kerry quotes that
MSNBC has been
making up). Because
large corporations
are beholden to
profit, they are
guaranteed to
support the most
unethical candidate,
who is more likely
to further their
goals at the expense
of the interests of
the America or the
American people. We
do not need another
force for corruption
in America -- we are
barely handling the
corrupting influence
of campaign
contributions.

Sinclair uses the

public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you,
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